MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Saturday, 6th April 1968.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Thirty Minutes past Eight of the Clock.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER (SRI D. MANJUNATH) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Taking over of Roads in the Wet Land areas of Hospet

416. **SRI R. NAGAN GOUDA** (Hospet).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the roads in the wet land areas of Hospet taluk have been taken over by Government as Government roads ;

(*b*) whether they received representation for their repairs ;

(*c*) whether the Executive Engineer, Bellary has submitted proposals for their repairs ;

(*d*) if so, whether any amounts have been sanctioned for their repairs ;

(*e*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that during the cane crushing season there is very heavy traffic on these roads ;

(*f*) when they propose to take up the repairs of these roads ?

A.—**SRI VEERENDRA PATIL** (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) These roads are being repaired to the extent of funds available.

Sri R. NAGAN GOUDA.—In answer to (*d*) it is stated that some amounts have been sanctioned for the current year ending 31st of March this year. How much of that amount has been spent ?

†Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—We do not sanction specific amount for the maintenance of these roads, because when the roads are formed and handed over to the P.W.D. for maintenance, we will give lumpsum provision to the Executive Engineer under the head '50 Civil Works' for maintenance of these roads, and the Executive Engineer will spend according to the availability of funds.

Sri R. NAGAN GOUDA.—For the year that has just passed, it is understood that Rs. 5 lakhs had been sanctioned for our Sub-division, and the provision was reduced by Rs. 2 lakhs before the end of the year. Is that correct ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I have no information, Sir.

Sri R. NAGAN GOUDA.—Is it not a fact that no roads have been repaired during the current year in Hospet Sub-Division ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not know whether the Hon'ble Member is referring to the sugar-cane cess fund roads, the Ayakat roads or roads in general. The provision that was kept at the disposal of the Executive Engineer is no doubt meagre, because we have taken a number of roads, and that is why there is some difficulty.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ.—ವೆಟ್ ಲ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ಏರಿಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳನ್ನು ರಿಪೇರಿ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ 50 ಸ್ಪೆಷರ್ ವರ್ಕ್ಸ್‌ನಿಂದ ಹಣ ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ. ವ್ಯಾಜಿಕ್ಸ್ ಏರಿಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅಚ್ಚುಕಟ್ಟು ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳನ್ನು ರಿಪೇರಿ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಫಂಡನ್ನು ತಾವು ಕ್ರಿಯೇಟ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಈ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಸೂಕ್ತವಲ್ಲವೇ ? ಏಕೆಂದರೆ 50 ಸಿಪರ್ ವರ್ಕ್ಸ್‌ನಿಂದ ಜನರರ್ ರೋಡ್ಸ್‌ನ್ನು ಸ್ಪೆಷಲ್‌ಮೆಂಟೇನ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ ಅಬ್ಲಿಗೇಟರಿ ಡ್ಯೂಟಿ ಇದೆ, ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಹಣ ಕಮ್ಮಿಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ, ಅದನ್ನು ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಡೈವರ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡುವುದಾದರೆ ಬಹುಶಃ ಬಾಕಿ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಕುಂದಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ !

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀರ್.—ಆ ಏರಿಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದರ ನಲುವಾಗಿ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಹಣ ಒದಗಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದರೆ ಟ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ಹಾಕಿ ಫಂಡನ್ನು ಕ್ರಿಯೇಟ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಷುಗರ್‌ಕೇನ್ ಸೆಸ್ ಫಂಡ್ ಅಂತ ಇತ್ತು, ಅದರಿಂದ ಬೇಕಾದಷ್ಟು ಹಣವನ್ನು ಖರ್ಚುಮಾಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮೇಜ್ ಚೇನ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಆಗುತ್ತಾ ಇತ್ತು. ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ ಇದಕ್ಕೂ ಕೂಡ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಫಂಡನ್ನು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಆಯಕಟ್ಟು ಏರಿಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಫಂಡ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದರೆ ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಟ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ನಾವು ತಯಾರಾಗಿದ್ದೇವೆ ಅಂತ ಅನ್ನುವುದಾದರೆ ಇದರ ನಲುವಾಗಿ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಒಂದು ಫಂಡ್ ಮಾಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟುವುದಾಗಲಿ, ಮೇನ್‌ಚೇನ್ ಮಾಡುವುದಾಗಲಿ ಅದರಿಂದ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

Sri SIDDIAH KASIMATH.—May I know whether all the roads in this wet land area of Hospet have been taken over by the Public Works Department ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Whether it is sugar-cane cess fund road or Ayakat road, the policy of the Government is that the formation of these roads will be the responsibility of the project. Once the roads are formed, they will be handed over to the P.W.D. (Roads and Buildings Wing) and it will be the responsibility of the Roads Wing to maintain these roads.

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†Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

Sri R. NAGAN GOUDA.—The sugarcane cess fund has been abolished and the Government is collecting purchase tax at the rate of 15 per cent from all the cane that has been sent to the factories, and as a result, this year in Hospet area alone they have got an income of Rs. 24 lakhs during the last 4 months, and the Central Government has got an income of Rs. 60 lakhs. Since there is very heavy traffic on this road, may I request the Hon'ble Minister to provide adequate sum for the coming year?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—It is true that the condition of the roads in that area is not good. We require huge sums to maintain those roads and also to bring them to a good condition. I do not know about the budgetary position for the current year, *i.e.*, 1968-69, but as suggested by the Hon'ble Member I shall see that some more funds are made available to that area.

Merger of Village Panchayats in Belgaum Municipality

417. Sri BT B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—

Will the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Village Panchayats merged in Belgaum Municipality and when;

(*b*) the number of servants from those Village Panchayats absorbed in Belgaum Municipality;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that these servants are not paid since the merger;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that these Panchayats were not willing to merge?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies) [On behalf of Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration)].—

(*a*) Three entire Panchayats and parts of three others. The merger came into effect from 25th October 1967.

(*b*) 20.

(*c*) The staff has since been paid by the Municipality with effect from 1st November 1967.

(*d*) No.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know the names of the villages which are merged in Belgaum Municipality?

Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—Angol Vadgaon, Madhavapur and Majgaon.